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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner preliminarily amend the specification and claims of the instant application as indicated below.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 32 with the following paragraph:

In an aspect of the invention, both the first wing and the second wing may include the first fastener component and the cooperating fastener component. In another aspect of the invention, at least one wing includes perforation lines adjacent its fixed end to provide quick removal of the napkin by tearing the wing along the perforation lines.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 7, line 27 with the following paragraph:

With reference to the Figures, an article, such as a sanitary napkin 10 illustrated in FIGS. 1A-E (or a disposable diaper 10' illustrated in FIGS. 2A-B) has a lengthwise, longitudinal direction 26, a lateral cross-direction 24, and a longitudinally extending medial line 40. The article includes a first article portion, a second article portion and at least one fastener 36 for securing the first article portion to the second article portion. Such securement can, for example, be configured to thereby hold the article on a wearer. The fastener desirably includes at least one, first fastener component 70 attached to an appointed section of the first (or second) article portion, and a cooperating fastener component 72 attached to the second (or first) article portion. The first fastener component 70 includes an